

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original) A sales system for selling a product by using the Internet, comprising:

a user terminal connected to the Internet; and

a supplier terminal which, upon receiving an application for purchasing the product from the user terminal via the Internet, charges a commission fee from the user operating the user terminal, randomly selects a price of the product from a plurality of prices within a predetermined price range, and presents the selected price on the user terminal together with a predetermined term of validity.

2. (original) A sales system for selling a product by using the Internet according to claim 1, wherein the supplier terminal stores the standard price of the product, and the commission fee is determined by multiplying a predetermined rate to the standard price.

3. (original) A sales system for selling a product by using the Internet according to claim 1, further comprising an audit authority terminal for supervising the settings of the prices by the supplier terminal.

4. (original) A sales system for selling a product by using the Internet according to claims 1, further comprising a reselling function for reselling the privilege to purchase the product at the price presented by the supplier terminal to a third person.

5. (original) A sales method for selling a product by using the Internet, comprising the steps of:

receiving an application for purchasing a product from a particular user terminal via the Internet;

charging a commission fee from the user operating the user terminal;

randomly selecting a price of the product from a plurality of prices within a predetermined price range; and

presenting the selected price on the user terminal together with a predetermined term of validity.

6. (original) A sales method for selling a product by using the Internet according to claim 5, wherein the commission fee is determined by multiplying a predetermined rate to the standard price stored beforehand.

7. (original) A storage medium storing a sales program for executing the processes comprising:

upon receiving an application for purchasing a product from a particular user terminal via the Internet, charging a commission fee from the user operating the user terminal;

randomly selecting a price of the product from a plurality of prices within a predetermined price range; and

presenting the selected price on the user terminal together with a predetermined term of validity.

8. (original) A storage medium storing the sales program according to claim 7, wherein the process of charging the commission fee comprises multiplying a predetermined rate to the standard price stored beforehand.

9. (new) The sales system for selling a product by using the internet according to claim 1, wherein a price history of the product is presented on the user terminal together with the selected price of the product.

10. (new) The sales system for selling a product by using the internet according to claim 1, wherein the commission fee is non-refundable.

11. (new) The sales system for selling a product by using the internet according to claim 1, wherein the predetermined term of validity contains an expiration date, such that a user cannot purchase the product after the expiration date.

12. (new) The sales method for selling a product by using the internet according to claim 5, further comprising presenting a price history of the product on the user terminal together with the selected price of the product.

13. (new) The storage medium storing the sales program according to claim 7, further comprising presenting a price history of the product on the user terminal together with the selected price of the product

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Applicant is concurrently submitting a substitute formal drawing for Fig. 1.

Attachment: 1 Replacement Sheet